ale des Sciences, Docteur en Medicine de la Faculte de Paris, & Profeſſeur en Botanique au Jardin Royal des Plantes. A Paris de l'imprimerie royale. 1698. 8vo. *XIV. An Account of Books newly printed beyond Sea. XV. An Account of Books now Printing beyond Sea.*

I. *A Relation of the Symptoms that attended the Death of Mr.* Robert Burdett, *an Engliſh Merchant of* Aleppo, *who was kill'd by the Bite of a Serpent. Communicated by Mr.* Aaron Goodyear, *who was then preſent.*

MR. *Robert Burdet,* on the Fourth of *October,* 1678. was bit by a Serpent on the Left Wriſt, near the Pulſe towards his Hand; it ſeem'd at firſt like two Pricks of a Pin, he immediately vomited, and his Wriſt and Hand begun to ſwell preſently; he had ſome few Days before a Looſeneſs, which perhaps this increaſed; he rode eaſily alone, after he was bit, (above two Miles off) to *Aleppo,* from the Borders of the Vineyards by *Nerope* Plain; aſſoon as he got to his Chamber, he ſaid, he was bit by a Rat (and would not own it was a Serpent) though a *Turk* accidentally paſſing by, ſaid, he ſaw the Serpent hang at his Wriſt, as he pull'd his Hand out of the Refuge, hoping to have taken a Hare that he had Cours'd in there; he ſaid, he felt no pain, but a great deſire to ſleep; his Arm continued ſwelling upwards, and grew black; ſome little Remedies were uſed till the reſt of the Factory return'd, who knew nothing of this, he being then alone, from the reſt in the Field; then they begun to Cup and ſcarifie his Arm; he having ſtill no Pain, but a great Drow ſi-

Drowzineſs; but was kept waking, to uſe that little time he had left, to prepare himſelf for Death; which he perform'd exceedingly well; at laſt the Swelling came up to his Shoulder, and then he complain'd much; and within a Quarter of an Hour died. He was bit about Ten in the Forenoon, and died about Three in the Afternoon; his Body ſwell'd much after Death, and purg'd. The Snake was like a common Snake, for length; his Colour dark ſandy, with black Spots; his two Teeth, or Fangs are like thoſe of a Rattle-Snake, on the Upper Jaw; the Poyſon lies in the Gums; and wherever they fetch Blood of any Creature they certainly kill; though in ſome Parts ſooner than in others. The Oyl of Tobacco kills the Serpent, if put in his Mouth, as was experienced. The People of the Country ſay, that if, as ſoon as any one is bit by a Serpent, they ſhall ſuck immediately the Wound, they may be ſaved; but they rub firſt their Gums and Teeth with Oyl, that none of the Poyſon may touch any Place; where the Skin is broken, and ſpit out immediately what they ſuck, every time waſhing the Mouth, and taking more Oyl. This Serpent kill'd a Dog, in about Eight Minutes time, biting him at the end of his Ear; and two young Turkeys afterwards in three or four Minutes each, biting them at the end of a Claw; and then we poyſon'd him with the Oyl of Tobacco out of a Reed Pipe (that had been much uſed, and not cleanſed for a Week or Two) and he died in about two or Three Minutes, trembling as ſoon as the Oyl was dropt into his Mouth. There are People that get their Bread by taking and ſhewing theſe Serpents: They find them in hot Days near Rocks, or the Mountains, and elſewhere; putting a Stick nigh their Head, take them up carefully by the Neck, as you hold a Rabbit, and putting them into a Leather Bag, carrying them about to ſhew.